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the takeoff or landing surface, as appropriate, must be not less than 1.2 percent for two-engine airplanes, 1.5 percent for three-engine airplanes, and 1.7 percent for four-engine airplanes with—

- (i) The critical engine inoperative and its propeller in the minimum drag position;
- (ii) The remaining engine(s) at not more than maximum continuous power;
  - (iii) The landing gear retracted;
  - (iv) The wing flaps retracted; and
- (v) A climb speed not less than 1.2  $V_{\text{S1}}. \label{eq:vsi}$
- (4) Discontinued approach. The steady gradient of climb at an altitude of 400 feet above the landing surface must be not less than 2.1 percent for two-engine airplanes, 2.4 percent for three-engine airplanes, and 2.7 percent for four-engine airplanes, with—
- (i) The critical engine inoperative and its propeller in the minimum drag position;
- (ii) The remaining engine(s) at take-off power;
  - (iii) Landing gear retracted;
- (iv) Wing flaps in the approach position(s) in which  $V_{S1}$  for these position(s) does not exceed 110 percent of the  $V_{S1}$  for the related all-engines-operated landing position(s); and
- (v) A climb speed established in connection with normal landing procedures but not exceeding 1.5  $\rm V_{S1}.$

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By Amdt. 23–62, 76 FR 75754, Dec. 2, 2011, §23.67 was amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text and (b)(1) introductory text, redesignating paragraph (c) as paragraph (d), revising newly redesignated paragraph (d) introductory text, and adding new paragraph (c), effective Jan. 31, 2012. For the convenience of the user, the added and revised text is set forth as follows:

#### § 23.67 Climb: One-engine inoperative.

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(b) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category reciprocating engine-powered airplanes of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight, and turbopropeller-powered airplanes in the normal, utility, and acrobatic category—

(1) The steady gradient of climb at an altitude of 400 feet above the takeoff must be no less than 1 percent with the—

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- (c) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category jets of 6,000 pounds or less maximum weight—
- (1) The steady gradient of climb at an altitude of 400 feet above the takeoff must be no less than 1.2 percent with the—
  - (i) Critical engine inoperative;
  - (ii) Remaining engine(s) at takeoff power;
  - (iii) Landing gear retracted;
- (iv) Wing flaps in the takeoff position(s); and
- (v) Climb speed equal to that achieved at 50 feet in the demonstration of §23.53.
- (2) The steady gradient of climb may not be less than 0.75 percent at an altitude of 1,500 feet above the takeoff surface, or landing surface, as appropriate, with the—
  - (i) Critical engine inoperative;
- (ii) Remaining engine(s) at not more than maximum continuous power;
  - (iii) Landing gear retracted;
  - (iv) Wing flaps retracted; and
  - (v) Climb speed not less than 1.2  $V_{S1}$ .
- (d) For jets over 6,000 pounds maximum weight in the normal, utility and acrobatic category and commuter category airplanes, the following apply:

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#### §23.69 Enroute climb/descent.

- (a) All engines operating. The steady gradient and rate of climb must be determined at each weight, altitude, and ambient temperature within the operational limits established by the applicant with—
- (1) Not more than maximum continuous power on each engine;
  - (2) The landing gear retracted;
  - (3) The wing flaps retracted; and
- (4) A climb speed not less than 1.3  $V_{S1}$ .
- (b) One engine inoperative. The steady gradient and rate of climb/descent must be determined at each weight, altitude, and ambient temperature within the operational limits established by the applicant with—
- (1) The critical engine inoperative and its propeller in the minimum drag position;
- (2) The remaining engine(s) at not more than maximum continuous power;
  - (3) The landing gear retracted;
  - (4) The wing flaps retracted; and

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(5) A climb speed not less than 1.2  $V_{\text{SL}}$ .

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#### §23.71 Glide: Single-engine airplanes.

The maximum horizontal distance traveled in still air, in nautical miles, per 1,000 feet of altitude lost in a glide, and the speed necessary to achieve this must be determined with the engine inoperative, its propeller in the minimum drag position, and landing gear and wing flaps in the most favorable available position.

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# § 23.73 Reference landing approach speed.

- (a) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category reciprocating engine-powered airplanes of 6,000 pounds or less maximum weight, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{\text{REF}},$  must not be less than the greater of  $V_{\text{MC}},$  determined in  $\S23.149(b)$  with the wing flaps in the most extended takeoff position, and 1.3  $V_{\text{SO}}.$
- (b) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category reciprocating engine-powered airplanes of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight, and turbine engine-powered airplanes in the normal, utility, and acrobatic category, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{\rm REF},$  must not be less than the greater of  $V_{\rm MC},$  determined in §23.149(c), and 1.3  $V_{\rm SO}.$
- (c) For commuter category airplanes, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{REF},$  must not be less than the greater of 1.05  $V_{MC},$  determined in §23.149(c), and 1.3  $V_{SO}.$

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### § 23.73 Reference landing approach speed.

(a) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category reciprocating engine-powered airplanes of 6,000 pounds or less maximum weight, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{\text{REF}}$ , may not be less than the greater of  $V_{\text{MC}}$ , determined in §23.149(b) with the wing flaps in the most extended takeoff position, and 1.3  $V_{\text{SL}}$ .

- (b) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category turbine powered airplanes of 6,000 pounds or less maximum weight, turboprops of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight, and reciprocating engine-powered airplanes of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{\rm REF}$ , may not be less than the greater of  $V_{\rm MC}$ , determined in §23.149(c), and 1.3  $V_{\rm SI}$ .
- (c) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category jets of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight and commuter category airplanes, the reference landing approach speed,  $V_{\rm REF}$ , may not be less than the greater of 1.05  $V_{\rm MC}$ , determined in §23.149(c), and 1.3  $V_{\rm SI}$ .

#### § 23.75 Landing distance.

The horizontal distance necessary to land and come to a complete stop from a point 50 feet above the landing surface must be determined, for standard temperatures at each weight and altitude within the operational limits established for landing, as follows:

- (a) A steady approach at not less than  $V_{REF}$ , determined in accordance with §23.73 (a), (b), or (c), as appropriate, must be maintained down to the 50 foot height and—
- (1) The steady approach must be at a gradient of descent not greater than 5.2 percent (3 degrees) down to the 50-foot height.
- (2) In addition, an applicant may demonstrate by tests that a maximum steady approach gradient steeper than 5.2 percent, down to the 50-foot height, is safe. The gradient must be established as an operating limitation and the information necessary to display the gradient must be available to the pilot by an appropriate instrument.
- (b) A constant configuration must be maintained throughout the maneuver.
- (c) The landing must be made without excessive vertical acceleration or tendency to bounce, nose over, ground loop, porpoise, or water loop.
- (d) It must be shown that a safe transition to the balked landing conditions of §23.77 can be made from the conditions that exist at the 50 foot height, at maximum landing weight, or at the maximum landing weight for altitude and temperature of §23.63 (c)(2) or (d)(2), as appropriate.
- (e) The brakes must be used so as to not cause excessive wear of brakes or tires.